



Department of Energy

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Mr. Robert Schillerstrom, Chairman
DuPage County Board
421 N. County Farm Road
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Dear Mr. Schillerstrom:

We were pleased to have the opportunity for Department of Energy (DOE) and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) staff to meet with staff members from DuPage County on April 24 to discuss the County's continuing interest in developing a north-south highway that would pass through Fermilab. We are writing to confirm the view of the DOE and Fermilab on this issue, as expressed at the meeting.

As we explained in our October 1999 letter to you on this subject, and as we reaffirmed at our April 2003 meeting, we are aware of the complex transportation issues faced by the region, and we wish to be as helpful as we can. However, our first priority must be to assure that the DOE's research mission continues to be carried out at Fermilab, now and into the future. For reasons we described in detail in our October letter, a highway built along Fermilab's eastern boundary would adversely affect Fermilab's future as a high-energy physics laboratory.

While no new road construction would be preferable from the point of view of future research operations, the DOE and Fermilab wish to be responsive to community needs. If the community determines that a new north-south road is needed, the widening of Kirk Road on the west side of Fermilab would have the least impact on the laboratory. The DOE and Fermilab would be willing to consider such a west-side route. The DOE has a longstanding commitment to the State of Illinois to provide an easement for such a road if it is needed.

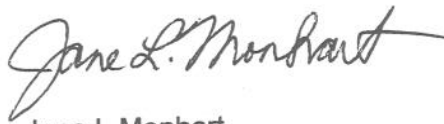
The DOE and Fermilab have a continuing interest in working with DuPage County and Fermilab's neighbors to help address mutual problems and concerns, while assuring that Fermilab can continue to be a world leader in science. We will cooperate with the County if it decides to carry forward studies for a western route. However, neither the DOE nor Fermilab will expend additional resources to participate in studies, nor does the DOE agree to provide the land, for a road along the eastern boundary of Fermilab. Because of the lengthy and expensive process of planning for new road construction, we feel it is incumbent on us to make sure that DuPage County clearly understands our position.

Mr. Robert Schillerstrom

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Once again, thank you for the opportunity to meet with you. We look forward to working with you as the DOE, Fermilab, and DuPage County continue to plan for a long and healthy future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane L. Monhart".

Jane L Monhart
Area Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael S. Witherell".

Michael S. Witherell, Director
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

cc: Chris Fraley, Federal Highway Administration